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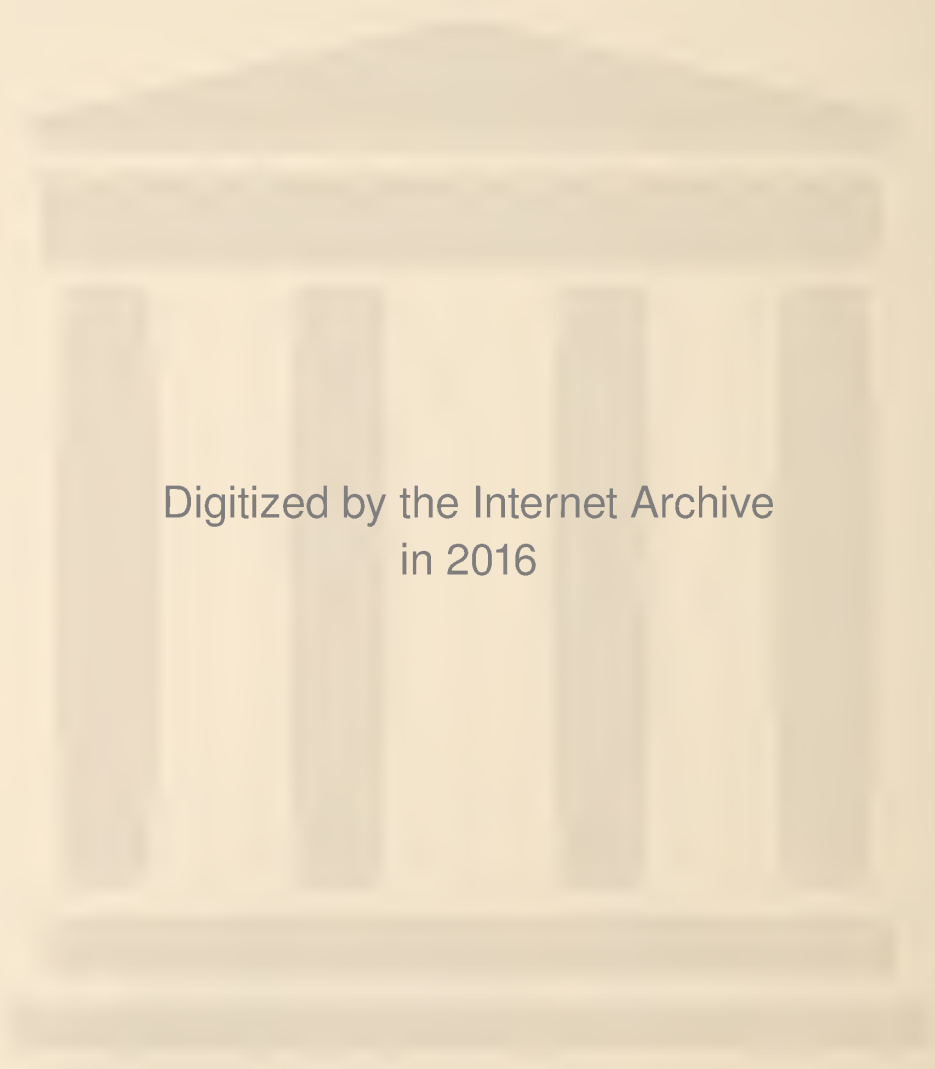
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EDITORIAL.

WE announce as the result of the contest for places on the BURR Board the election of Messrs. Walter J. Douglas, '94; Herman Schneider, '94; Robert E. Chetwood, Jr., '95; Frederic A. Daboll, '96, and C. Wheeler Lord, '96.

THE article entitled Hernando Cortez, which appears in another column, is the prize oration of the Junior Oratorical Contest on Washington's Birthday. It is our intention to publish the oration which has been awarded the first prize, as a token of appreciation of the efforts of the contestants.

THIS issue of THE BURR is what might be called a college edition, containing much of the matter which was submitted by competitors for the places on the board. Of course not all that contributed secured an election, and it was surprising how many claimed not to have known that the contest was to close when it did, inasmuch as that we took especial care to announce it in these columns on several different occasions. The contest always closes so that the election may take place before the first of March.

THERE is something peculiarly gratifying in the activity which is now being displayed by our various college organizations. The Glee Club has just returned from a trip which promises to be the first of a long series

of successes, the Engineering Society is running along smoothly, the lacrosse and baseball men are in hard training, while, best of all, the Mustard and Cheese have a play in rehearsal which is to be produced shortly after Easter.

As has been announced, the play in question is a burlesque on the well-known opera *Fra Diavola*. The choice of a musical burlesque is to be commended. The dramatic societies of other colleges have found, that a play of this nature is the most suitable for production by a college organization. The musical burlesque, possessing, as it does, a plot, just sufficient to preserve, in some measure, the dramatic unities, affords a full scope for the introduction of catchy music, songs, and local work. We prophesy a great success for the Mustard and Cheese.

In this connection it is perhaps not too early to remind the college, that these gentlemen deserve the warmest support in their undertaking. It seems almost a new venture at Lehigh, for the Mustard and Cheese has been so long dormant that its former triumphs have been forgotten. However, the generous reception accorded the Minstrels last year may be taken as an indication of success.

THE method recently put in practice at Princeton of conducting examinations, has been receiving general attention, especially

in northern colleges. As yet the system there has not been tried to a sufficient extent to allow of any reliable conclusions to be made concerning it. The matter will be watched with interest by faculties and students, as a marked departure from the orthodox method of holding examinations. The University of Virginia has been trusting solely to the honor of its students during examinations, and the plan has met with success and is working to the credit of all concerned.

Ever since our first school days we have been taught and have learned to regard what we have called "ponying" in our older years, as something which effected our honor in an extremely serious manner. We have been treated, nevertheless, as though it was expected that we would indulge in these practises as often as we could find the opportunity. We find in all our schools ordinances and rules pertaining to this evil, together with severe penalties inflicted for disobedience of them. We also find a system of policing of the examination rooms in order that any offender may be brought to justice, and it is this latter custom which attracts our attention. This may have been necessary in order to bring up the youth in the path which he should follow, and to compell him to assume a virtue though he had it not, but to continue this method into a collegiate career is an entirely different matter. It is of course claimed that any one not addicted to this disgraceful practice is not affected by this order of things and that it is all necessary to protect and insure the value of a diploma.

The prime object is to get rid of this practice of cheating, and we believe the method now employed at Princeton will succeed to this end better than any system that has yet been tried. The presence of authorities at an examination, as well as elsewhere, will at once give rise to that feeling between pupil and instructor which never entirely vanishes. Authority though submitted to with perfect recognition of its justice is often attended with

antagonism which is difficult to lay aside, and many will attempt to satisfy their consciences in regard to "ponying" by claiming, that being watched, they are only trying to beat the man at his own game. Where so much is at stake, and where the hopes and prospects of a whole collegiate career may be blighted by the failure to pass examinations, crowded one after another in a short space of time, with no interval during which to review, there is the strongest temptation to use a little outside aid to help one out. Even the most conscientious students will, under the pressure of many and severe examinations, become so mentally exhausted as to be totally unfit to pass an examination, and how often when in this condition will just a glance at a neighbor's paper immediately start the proper train of thought and enable him to answer questions with just as much actual knowledge of the subject as his companion, who has the happy faculty of keeping cool under these trials. And thus it is that men who value personal honor and good reputations look upon these things liberally, and sometimes, though rarely, are driven to indulge.

As we said before, a man at the University of Virginia is put on his honor, and the result is that the students are the guardians of their own honor, as well as that of their college, in this matter, and their examinations, we may say, are free from anything like cheating, and it is due to the fact that the students concerned are proud of the reputation of their institution in this particular, and will themselves punish those who dishonor it.

We do not see why a similar plan would not be attended with equally good results here. Surely we regard our own views of honor as highly as those of other places. We believe that if here more weight was given to the term's work and that students were left to themselves at examinations the result would be satisfactory to all. We can not hope that any such thing will take place in the immediate future, since in technical institutions liberal ideas are met with suspicion and disfavor.

HERNANDO CORTEZ.

“ALL the world's a stage; and all the men and women, merely players. They have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays *many* parts.”

Differing the one from the other, both in character and clique, as these parts may, there is one supreme part, one important role in the life-drama of every great man, the study of which is the study of the man himself. The name of Homer can not be separated from that of *The Iliad* or of *The Odyssey*; John Milton is not known as the blind English poet, but rather as the author of *Paradise Lost*; in Alexander the Great, we see a mighty general who, when he had subdued the whole world, sighed for other worlds to conquer; Napoleon was but the central figure of the French revolution; and if it be not for those deeds that gained for him the title of The Father of his Country, why do *we* honor, to-day, the name of George Washington? And so Hernando Cortez, the most interesting, as well as the most successful, of Spanish adventurers, must be looked at in the reflected light of his splendid conquest of Mexico.

In the early part of the sixteenth century, Mexico, or the country of the Aztecs, formed but a small part of modern Mexico, and yet it embraced within its narrow borders every variety of climate, which varied with the scenery from the low sandy plains on the Atlantic to the snow crowned summits of a long row of extinct volcanoes. The inhabitants were a war-like, ambitious people, who had succeeded in raising themselves to a high degree of civilization. Yet one dark blot remains upon the history of the nation: their religion taught and commanded the most revolting custom of human sacrifice. On the altars of their lofty, pyramidal temples, thousands of men and women were slain every year and their bodies eaten at the religious feasts. With these people constantly waging war upon the nations about them, many of

whom paid them tribute in gold and human beings, we have the scene into which our actor is to have his entrance.

Hernando Cortez had all the fiery, adventurous spirit of the Spaniard, and it was this adventurous spirit that brought him to the New World at the age of nineteen years. Personally handsome and attractive, he, besides, had a natural gift that enabled him to conquer the hearts of men and women alike. Though, when engaged in quieter pursuits, he was always light-hearted and often flippant, yet when occasion required, his cool, calculating spirit came to his rescue, enabling him to make use of those resources which had hitherto lain dormant within him, and which showed him to be a natural leader among men.

It was no light task for a man to start out with seven hundred followers—whose confidence he had to hold—in a few frail ships, and to land in a country of which he had no definite knowledge, and among people of whose character and language he was ignorant.

Although this band of adventurers fought under the banner of the cross, their primary object was “gold.” It is easily seen that many such adventurers would become discontented and make trouble. In fact, soon after their arrival, a conspiracy was discovered among many of the band to seize one of the ships and return home.

But the heart of Cortez never failed him! He ordered two of the leaders to be executed. Soon after, on a fictitious report that many of the vessels had become unsafe—by insects eating into their hulls—he rendered all but one of them sunk. The indignant cries of the men he then stilled by an eloquent speech, appealing to their love of honor, and to their avarice, until each one was again eager to follow him to victory.

And to victory he led them. Back into the country, higher and higher into the mountains

they ascended, overcoming one difficulty after another, for to these bold explorers the greatest difficulty seems to have been but an inspiration to greater exertions.

It was in the country of the Tlascalans that they met with the greatest opposition, and battle after battle was fought against these warlike people, who defended the mountain passes with armies many times the size of their own.

But at last they reached the crest of the mountains, from which they could look down and behold their goal—the imperial city of Mexico. They could see its position, built in the midst of a large lake. On either side broad, level causeways stretched to the farther shore. At several points, these causeways were cut by canals, crossed by bridges. By the destruction, or removal, of these bridges all communication from without could be cut off. It would be difficult to imagine a city more capable of defense.

Cortez, in his journey, had attached many more followers to himself, so that, as he descended the mountain side and began his march to the city, he had a force of nearly seven thousand men.

Bravely they advance, with banners flying and with the blare of trumpets.

Now they are on the causeway. Suddenly the gates of the city burst open and forth from them come the battalions of the New World. What a picture they present! There come the chieftains, clad in all the splendor of their many colored robes of featherwork. Following them are the common soldiers and their half naked bodies painted, each one, with the color of his chief, glisten in the noon-day sun as they advance. A long blast of the trumpet is heard. The column divides and the army is drawn up in two long lines, upon the right hand and upon the left. Another blast of the trumpet—longer and louder than before—and the King, himself, is borne out under the portal in his royal litter, resting upon the shoulders of twelve of his greatest nobles. With great pomp, Montezuma is borne down between

the lines of his bowing subjects. When near Cortez, he descends from his litter and, welcoming his would-be conqueror, offers entertainment to him and his followers in his palaces.

The Spaniards now become the rulers of the country, though as a power behind the throne. All goes well. The adventurers are fast becoming rich. None oppose them, and the first murmur against them arises when Montezuma is taken prisoner in his own palace. The unsuspecting king is surrounded by his guests, many of whom wear princely gifts, received at his hands. Yet, suddenly, he finds himself in their power, and only the name of king remains to him.

It is not until more than a year has passed, when Cortez has returned after a short absence from the city, that the people rise up in arms to break their hated rule. The king himself is unable to quiet them, that the strangers may depart in peace. While speaking to the mob from a balcony, someone throws a stone, hitting him upon the head. Suffering more from a wounded spirit than from a bruised body, the proud monarch is borne below to die.

Another king is in power, and how the scene has changed! In the darkness of night the Spaniards are stealing through the same streets where they had so lately marched with a bold front. They are hurrying from the city, and because it is unsafe for them to remain longer in the midst of an infuriated people. They have passed the gates. They have crossed the first canal on a portable bridge, and are on the causeway. But showers of stones and arrows fall all about them. The natives put out from the shore in their canoes until the water on either side is black with them.

Long and fiercely the battle rages and the struggling mass sways from side to side until the very causeway itself seems to move. The Spaniards are determined, if they *must* die, to sell their lives dearly. They fight the harder when they think of their fate if taken alive.

When they see one of their number fall from the causeway into the water, locked in a deadly embrace with one of their fierce antagonists, despair gives them the greater energy for they know the awful horrors of sacrifice of the Aztec. One third only of the army that left Mexico that night remained next day, to take up their march to the country of the now friendly Tlascalans. While Cortez is mending his broken forces, a small party scale the side of the lofty volcano, Mt. Popocatepetl. By letting one of their number down the precipitous walls of its crater in a basket, the sulphur is obtained from which the supply of powder is made that, alone can give them victory over their foes.

Here is an achievement that has never been paralleled in history. Cortez was in a strange country, cut off from outside aid. The people fell upon him and nearly destroyed his forces. Yet, out of the remnant that was left to him, he formed a new army and, with irresistible force, renewed his attack.

The City of Mexico is now in a state of siege. Day after day the ruler and the people look out with starving eyes, but only to see another of their palaces destroyed or

another of their temples in ruins. Finally, the triumphant banner of Spain float out over the city—but it floats over a mass of smoking ruins.

The conquest of Mexico is complete, and Hernando Cortez has played his great part. We leave him here. We care not for his later deeds.

The vast pyramids of Egypt, rising from the sands of the desert, still stand in all their magnificence. They still proclaim to the traveler the names and the power of the ancient kings who built them.

Does Hernando Cortez need a monument?

Go to yonder country on our southern border. See the new cities, reared upon the ruins of the old. Contrast the government of the republic with that of the former monarchy. Stand in the shadow of one of the churches: think of the harsh cries of the priests that were formerly heard; and listen to the sweet tones of the bells, as they call the people to the worship of the living God!

Monuments of stone may crumble, but *such* a monument shall last forever!

WILLIAM CONKLIN ANDERSON, '94.

GENERAL NEWS.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY EXERCISES.

THE Junior oratorical contest, which has for some time been the feature of the Washington's Birthday exercises, took place in the Chapel, as usual, on February 22. The poor walking, on account of the large amount of snow which fell during the night, prevented many from attending who would otherwise have done so, consequently the audience was not as large as has generally been the case. The exercises began promptly at 10.30 with a hymn, followed by a prayer by Dr. Worcester, then, after the singing of a national hymn, the delivery of the orations was commenced. The six orations were so well delivered that it was a difficult matter to say which was the best. Throughout the subjects were well treated,

the diction excellent, and very few of the gestures were at all weak. A new feature of the programme was the reading of the roll of honor of the Senior Class, which was done by Prof. Robinson, after he had read part of the rule concerning this roll by way of explanation for visitors. The names read out in the order of their standing were as follows: R. C. H. Heck, valedictorian; H. B. Evans, salutatorian; G. H. Maurice, H. J. Atties, C. M. Douglas, G. Stern, R. B. Randolph, W. J. Beech, C. L. McKenzie, N. W. Smith, C. J. O'Neill, W. I. Boyd, W. F. Mylander, W. F. Cressman, F. C. Warman, R. W. Heard, F. B. Sage, H. R. Bickle, C. H. Durfee, C. W. Parkhurst, C. S. Haynes, F. P. Fuller, F. E. Bray. The decision of the

judges was announced by Mr. Geo. R. Booth, chairman, as follows: First, William Conklin Anderson, of New York; second, Ruel Chaffee Warriner, of Montrose, Pa.; third, Robert Ferriday, of South Bethlehem; and the prizes in cash were given accordingly. Mr. Anderson's oration appears in full in this issue. The following is the programme:

Processional Hymn, No. 232.

Prayer.

National Hymn.

Oration.—"The Outlook of the Twentieth Century,"
ELWOOD ARISTIDES GRISSINGER.

Oration.—"The Brotherhood of Man."
BARRY HOLME JONES.

Union Song.

Oration.—"Vasco Nunez de Balboa."
ROBERT FERRIDAY.

Oration.—"The Brotherhood of Man."
RUEL CHAFFEE WARRINER.
America.

Oration.—"Hernando Cortez,"
WILLIAM CONKLIN ANDERSON.

Oration.—"Whittier and Tennyson."
ARTHUR WILLISTON HENSHAW.

Washington.

(Words written for the Lehigh University.)

Reading of Roll of Honor of the Senior Class.

Decision of Judges.

Mr. Geo. R. Booth, the Rev. Wilson F. Moore,
the Rev. Gilbert H. Sterling.

Doxology.

Benediction.

The ushers were the following members of the Junior Class: J. L. Burley, F. D. Hallock, C. A. Moore, E. E. Seyfert, T. P. Elmore, T. W. Wilson.

SOPHOMORE CLASS SUPPER.

A GOODLY number, seventy, of the Class of '95 turned up at the Hotel Allen, Allentown, on the night of the 21st of February, the occasion of their second annual Class banquet. At half past nine o'clock the Class sat down to do justice to the best Mr. Harris could serve, and immediately the circulation of menu cards for signatures began. This operation being, fortunately, completed

before the time arrived when writing might, possibly have been illegible, the fellows gave their *full* attention to the job of getting in a proper and fitting condition to listen to the toasts and make the suitable interruptions that seems to have become necessary by custom.

The toasts were as follows:

Our Class,	A. M. McDONALD.
Lehigh,	L. A. KENDALL.
Ladies,	CHARLES F. MAURICE.
The Faculty,	EDWARD B. CLARK.
Pennsylvania Germans,	A. F. BANNON, JR.
Athletics,	T. LLOYD HENRY.
Columbian Day Contest,	J. J. GIBSON.
The Kids,	E. T. FAISON, JR.

The speakers did more than justice to their subjects, and the roars of laughter which greeted their good stories and jokes, showed that the rest of the Class was still capable of appreciation. A special train brought the happy crowd home at 2.30 A.M., and the Allentown people have only their luck to thank that it was election day, or, perhaps, the town itself might have been carried off on that train.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY MEETING.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Engineering Society was held in the Gymnasium on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 23. Mr. Bickle, '93, read an article entitled "The Great Forth Bridge," being a report of a personal visit as well as research upon the matter. Mr. Heck, '93, explained the action of the slide valve in the Baldwin Compound Locomotive. Mr. Sage, '93, reported much of interest in the electrical line.

The society decided to endeavor to obtain a meeting and general room of their own and to make some important additions to the by-laws.

PHILADELPHIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

THE graduates of Lehigh University living in and near Philadelphia, to the number of fifty-eight, organized themselves into a local alumni association at the University Club rooms, Saturday evening, February 18th, to be known as the Lehigh University

Club of Philadelphia. The officers elected were as follows: President, C. W. Haines; vice presidents, D. P. Bruner and Dr. W. H. Bake; secretary, H. A. Bonzano; treasurer, R. B. Claxton, and Executive Committee, George P. Bland and L. P. Howe. After the business was transacted a banquet was held.

Among those in attendance were H. S. Drinker, W. Shapleigh, G. P. Bland, D. P. Bruner, W. H. Baker, R. D. Claxton, C. W. Haines, A. A. Herr, C. L. Taylor, L. P. Howe, John Ruddle, Harry Toulmin, John W. Ledoux, H. A. Bonzano, L. P. Gaskon, W. P. Richards, John S. Riegel, Joseph E. Sanborn, George G. Hood, J. L. Budd, William L. Jacoby, Thomas M. Eynon, E. P. Van Kirk, C. Henry Stinson, John T. Loomis, Herman E. Kiefer, Frank R. Fisher, John G. Fleck, Harry Palmer, W. F. Rench, E. F. Fassitt, F. A. Weihe, Justice C. Cornelius, H. H. Davis, Alfred E. Lester, W. D. Beatty, L. R. Zolinger, Samuel E. Berger, Ralph Goodman, John E. Litch, M. H. Fehnel, C. J. Bechdel, H. J. Sherman, E. A. Schnabel, G. V. Sneden, R. H. Lee, G. H. P. Steams, Murray Rush, W. A. Lathrop, Paul M. Paine, L. R. Shellenberger, George Nauman, Jr., Robert Shmitz, Archibald Johnson, J. M. Dougherty, N. S. Reeves, Mason D. Pratt, and H. H. Stoeck.

STATE INTER-COLLEGIATE ORATORICAL LEAGUE.

THE delegates from the various colleges interested in forming a State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical League met at 10 A.M.,

Saturday, February 25, at the rooms of the Philomathean and Zelosophic Societies at the University of Pennsylvania. The following officers were elected: President, Wm. C. Emhardt, U. of Pa.; vice-president, A. F. Klein, Franklin and Marshall; secretary, J. L. Carver, Swarthmore; treasurer, A. J. Fuerst, Dickinson. The executive committee was chosen to consist of the president and secretary *ex officio*, and Wm. S. Merrill, Lehigh; W. S. Chambers, Lafayette, and W. A. Stillman, State College. A constitution was framed in which it is proposed that none but undergraduates be allowed to compete, and to bar out all who had previously taken a college degree. In the by-laws it was provided that each college should send one man to the contest who should deliver an oration not to exceed ten minutes in duration on any subject he should see fit. No man shall contest more than twice, and no man having won a first prize shall compete again. The prizes will probably be one hundred dollars for first place, and fifty dollars for second.

The executive committee will meet, to complete arrangements, on April 3, and anyone who has suggestions as to the By-laws, etc., is requested to make known the same to Wm. S. Merrill, '94.

The Lehigh delegate was entertained by Swarthmore, and on Friday evening previous to the convention the Philomathean and Zelosophic Societies, of the University of Pennsylvania, entertained the entire delegation at a banquet.

CONTENTMENT.

ALL men are led to think contentment lies
In fame or fortune, like a costly prize
Which fate guards jealously, with grudging hand,
To those who taste the sweets of life, and stand
Before her asking her to give.

Poor fools! contentment springs in every heart, —
Its tender growth needs not success to start;
In fact, the smiles of fortune so inflate
The heart with pride that, with the crushing weight
The bud is cramped and can not live.

KERNELS.

—A part of the '94 *Epitome* will soon go to press and the contract for the covers of the books has been awarded. 'Ninety-four will probably produce their *Epitome* earlier in the term than has been done by any previous class.

—The Mustard and Cheese Dramatic Club will endeavor to put the burlesque "Fra Diavolo" on the stage this spring. They rehearse regularly in the Lehigh Valley Railroad Building under the direction of R. R. Hillman, ex-'90.

—The Supply Bureau has put up a bulletin board and a box in Packer Hall. This arrangement will prove a great advantage in the way of ordering supplies and of giving notice of arrival of goods.

—The Junior Mechanicals and Electricals will leave for New York on March 7 for the annual tour of inspection of engines and electric power stations. On account of the large number in the class, they will be accompanied by Mr. Weil and Mr. Dahlstrom.

—One of the drawings to be sent to the Columbian Exposition is to be seen in Packer Hall. It is the work of Mr. J. S. Siebert, '89, Instructor in Civil Engineering, and illustrates the growth of the college up to the present time according to the number of students.

—The Lehigh Club of Pittsburg will hold its third annual banquet at the Monongahela House on the evening of March 11. In view of the controversy relative to an Alumni Memorial to Judge Packer, the club will endeavor to obtain the sentiment of its members on the subject.

—Active training has been commenced for base-ball, and thirty-seven men are competing for the places. They meet at the gymnasium Tuesdays and Thursdays. Those in training for the battery are, W. S. Jackson, H. Nevins, G. Buckman, R. E. Mead, of '96; T. W. Wilson, '94; McKenzie, '93, and L. L. Gadd, '94.

—Dr. Coppée has arranged to have a literary class, consisting of the members of the classical department, meet at his house on Thursday evenings, for the purpose of reading selections from Chaucer. Those of the scientific departments who have time and care to join this class will be able to do so.

Alexander Potter, '90, was in town last Monday and Tuesday, being on his way to New York and farther east to study the sewerage systems of some New England towns. He is now established in business at Olean, N. Y., and is engaged in designing sewerage systems in Berwick and Middletown, Pa.

—W. F. Kissel, '87, of the drafting department of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Altoona, Pa., has charge of the transportation of the Krupp Gun Works exhibit for the World's Fair from Sparrow's Point, Md., to Chicago. A special car had to be built to carry the 100-ton gun over the Pennsylvania Road and this car was designed by Mr. Kissel.

—The winter sports will be held in the gymnasium March 18 and will consist of the following events: Parallel bars, horizontal bar, club swinging, running high jump, running broad jump, standing high jump, exhibition boxing, swinging rings, running high kick, fence vault, and exhibition wrestling and perhaps others. Handsome prizes will be given for all events.

—The result of the Senior class election for Class Day Exercises is as follows: Toast, C. L. McKenzie; Poet, C. M. Douglas; Prophecy, C. H. Durfee; Presentation, A. S. Maurice; Ivy Oration, R. C. H. Heck; Tablet Oration, E. C. Reynolds. The Committee of Arrangements consists of H. R. Blickle, W. F. Mylander, F. P. Fuller, A. B. Sharpe, and C. J. O'Neil. The Banquet Committee is composed of J. O. Matthewson, R. F. Gadd, and N. M. Osborne.



THE GOSSIP.

NOW that the new Physical Laboratory is under roof and that fruitful topic for sarcasm is removed, the Lehigh man begins to wonder what the next building will be. The Gossip thinks he voices the sentiment of a majority of the undergraduates when he says that our greatest need just now is a building for Lehigh societies. The Y. M. C. A. wanders around in the gymnasium without a home. The technical societies have no regular meeting place. The Senior and Junior classes hold meetings in one end of a room, in which, behind the curtains, underclassmen are at the same time disrobing and preparing for a bath.

The Glee Club complains that it has not a proper place to practice, and this is probably true with the other musical organizations. It would be indulging in an iridescent dream to ever hope of the college authorities giving us such a building. They are absorbed in devising plans to give us the facilities to make Lehigh degrees the best in the country. To our alumni we must look for the realization of such a wish. What a monument to Lehigh loyalty such a building would be!

Alumni Hall! That name does not roll easily off the tongue just now. Let us hope, however, they will be loyal enough some day to undertake a movement to supply a need which is becoming greater every day.

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It seems rather peculiar to The Gossip that the faculty offer the student so little opportunity for instruction outside of the class room. It is the rarest occurrence that we are permitted to hear a lecture upon a subject connected with our courses. During these long winter evenings there is perhaps not a man in college who would not gladly welcome the introduc-

tion of series of Friday or Saturday night lectures upon technical subjects.

Perhaps the subjects might be broadened so as to include topics of general interest. In this way the student body might acquire a knowledge of such subjects as our technical education here at Lehigh is said to crowd out.

True it is the Library is well stocked with literature upon all such subjects, but on account of the strict regulations that exist there the underclassman can indulge only in desultory reading for an hour or so between classes.

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The meetings of the Friday Night Dancing Class, and the Junior German suggest more strongly to The Gossip an idea which has been formulating in the brain for some time.

Why not link these social functions more closely together, and have a round of gayety similar to the Promenade Week at Yale.

Let the Seniors give an Assembly; the Juniors a Promenade; the Sophomores a Reception, and these, with the combined efforts of the town and college teas, and receptions at the different fraternity houses, will easily make up a week's relaxation from the monotonous grind of the winter term.

Our proximity to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and the larger towns of Pennsylvania would guarantee the presence of a sufficient number of the gentler sex to ensure success, and the push and energy for which Lehigh's sons are famous should do the rest.

The social side of our college life has developed very greatly in the last few years and the present conditions seem most favorable for the fulfillment of such a project.

The Gossip hopes to see this spark fan into a blaze before many moons elapse.

The Gossip notes with regret that the present system of collecting subscriptions for the athletic fund is not, financially, a howling success. It relieves an overworked few from the arduous duties of gathering the shekels, and distributes the labor more symmetrically among the four classes; but the old adage that "familiarity breeds contempt" has not been taken into account.

The interest and personal responsibility with which every Lehigh man should regard the athletic association seems entirely overshadowed when the collector is a well known classmate, and consequently the cobwebs thicken in the strong box of the treasurer.

It seems to The Gossip that the athletic fund would wax fatter if those who gather the elusive "Williams" were limited to upper classmen, as of yore, and were to "hunt in pairs."

COMMUNICATIONS.

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EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:—At the beginning of last term a great deal was said concerning the selection of a certain night in the week when all of the fraternities should hold their meetings. At that time it looked as if such a plan would be accepted, but it was dropped without action being taken by the fraternities. In order to again present the subject before the fraternities, I have taken advantage of your columns and will state the reasons why such a plan should be tried. There are at Lehigh thirteen fraternities, and every night in the week is of course used by some of them for holding their meeting. The Glee Club, the Banjo and Guitar Club, THE BURR Board, and the different Engineering societies also have their meeting nights which must conflict with those of the fraternities. As a result the attendance at any meeting is never full, and either the club or the fraternity suffers. If, on the other hand, the fraternities all met on the same night, the clubs and societies knowing of this night would not

select it, and the result would be no absent members from meeting. Let the fraternities consider the above carefully and act accordingly.
A FRATERNITY MAN.

COLLEGE NOTES.

—The Phi Beta Kappa fraternity has been granted a charter for the University of Pennsylvania.

—One thousand dollars has been contributed by the Class of '88 at Brown for the college library.

—The University of Michigan Choral Union, comprising 250 voices, has been asked to assist in the opening exercises of the World's Fair.

—Princeton's faculty has decided that no student can represent the college and any outside organization in athletics during the same year.

—The managers of the "Yale Commons" eating club, founded last year, makes a report showing that about 500 students were provided for at the average cost of \$3.96 per week.

—Hinkey will captain the Yale foot-ball team; Waters that of Harvard; Trenchard, Princeton; Mackey, University of Pennsylvania; and Witherbee, Cornell.

—Brown expects to have a strong base-ball team this year. Duffy of the Boston team and Lovett, the ex-Brooklyn pitcher, will be their coaches.

—The presidents of the following colleges are graduates of Yale: Yale University, Johns Hopkins University, Rutgers College, University of Minnesota, Pennsylvania State College, Beloit College, Atlanta University, Tulane University, Southern University, and Doane College.

—The new telescope for the Chicago University will not be ready for use till the fall of 1895. The lens will be cast by Alvin G. Clark, and will be forty-five inches in diameter, or eleven inches larger than that in the great Lick telescope.

A HINT.

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My cigarettes smoking?
Who drinks on my money,
My temper provoking?
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With his idle conversing,
My paper, my books,
My patience dispersing?
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Which they ever stir in mine?
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And the passion that it stirs;
Shining fair in god-like grace,
Binding all my soul to hers!
Ah, the glory of the thought,
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She my darling, fervent sought,
Now, O rapture! mine alone.

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Monday, March 13.—Banjo Club meets at Psi U House at 6.30 P.M.

—The following officers were elected at the meeting of the U. S. I. C. Lacrosse League on February 18: T. Penniman, Johns Hopkins, president; D. Corbin, Stevens, vice-pres.; E. D. Buel, Lehigh, secretary and treasurer.

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